

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION  
ASSOCIATION, a non-profit  
corporation,

Plaintiff,

V.

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE  
NAVY, a federal agency,

**Defendant.**

C19-645 TSZ

## ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon an action brought under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”).

Having reviewed the complaint in this matter, the Court concludes that this proceeding is exempt from the initial disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A) and the initial conference requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f). See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B)(i).

To facilitate entry of an appropriate scheduling order in this matter, and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and Local Civil Rule 16, counsel are directed to confer and to file a JOINT STATUS REPORT by August 16, 2019. The conference among counsel shall be

1 by direct and personal communication, whether via face-to-face meeting or telephonic  
2 conference. The Joint Status Report must contain the following information by  
3 corresponding paragraph numbers:

4       1.     A concise statement of the positions of the parties concerning the relief  
5 requested in the complaint.

6       2.     A summary of the procedural posture of the case and/or the status of the  
7 FOIA requests at issue and any responses thereto.

8       3.     A proposed deadline for filing any administrative record.

9       4.     A proposed deadline for filing dispositive motions.

10      5.     An indication whether trial will be required in this matter and, if so, an  
11 indication (i) when the matter will be ready for trial; (ii) whether such trial will be jury or  
12 non-jury; and (iii) how long such trial is anticipated to take.

13      6.     An indication whether the parties agree that a full-time Magistrate Judge  
14 may conduct all proceedings, including trial and the entry of judgment, under 28 U.S.C.  
15 § 636(c) and Local Rule MJR 13. The Magistrate Judge who will be assigned the case is  
16 the Honorable Michelle L. Peterson. Agreement in the Joint Status Report will constitute  
17 the parties' consent to referral of the case to the assigned Magistrate Judge.

18      7.     An indication whether any party wishes a scheduling conference before a  
19 scheduling order is entered in this case. If the parties are unable to agree on any part of  
20 the Joint Status Report, they may answer in separate paragraphs. No separate reports are  
21 to be filed.

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The time for filing the Joint Status Report may be extended only by court order. Request for extension should be made by telephone to Karen Dews. If the parties to have a status conference with the Court at any time during the pendency of this matter, they should contact Karen Dews. Finally, if this matter is resolved by further action or settled, the parties shall immediately notify Karen Dews at 70-8830.

This Order is issued at the outset of the case, and a copy is sent by the Clerk to counsel for plaintiff and any defendants who have appeared. Plaintiff's counsel is directed to serve copies of this Order on all parties who appear after this Order is filed, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of service of each appearance. Plaintiff's counsel will be responsible for starting the communications needed to comply with this Order.

Failure by any party to fully comply with this Order may result in the imposition of sanctions, including dismissal of the case.

14 The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 || Dated this 16th day of May, 2019.

Thomas S. Balle

Thomas S. Zilly  
United States District Judge